

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1085

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Brandy McCracken of the Hawkins County School System on her selection as the 2010 Rogersville Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy educator is Brandy Elizabeth McCracken, who was recently selected as the 2010 Rogersville Middle School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the Hawkins County School System honored nineteen teachers as 2010 Teachers of the Year for their respective schools; these teachers were recently honored at the Hawkins County School System Teacher of the Year banquet; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McCracken was selected by Rogersville Middle School as the Teacher of the Year, a true testament to her dedication to her students and to the impact she has had throughout her estimable teaching career; and

WHEREAS, after earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Carson-Newman College and gaining her teaching certification from East Tennessee State University, this seventh-grade Social Studies teacher earned her master's degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Brandy McCracken was also able to add to her areas of licensure, increasing the number of subjects she is allowed to teach; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McCracken joined the staff of Rogersville Middle School in August of 2004 and, since those early days, she has devoted herself to cultivating and educating her students, using technology to inspire in them a wonder for the world in which we live; and

WHEREAS, unwavering in her commitment to the importance of education, Brandy McCracken maintains membership in the Tennessee Council for Social Studies, the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the Hawkins County Education Association, for which she stood as secretary of the negotiation team in 2007; and

WHEREAS, she also coordinates the REV IT UP program and participated in the 2009-2010 Leadership Program and has mentored a number of teachers during the past three years; and

WHEREAS, active within her community, Brandy McCracken serves as the Youth Director and Children's Church Director at Freewill Baptist Church, as Secretary/Treasurer of the FFWBC Ladies Auxiliary, and as a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program; and

WHEREAS, Brandy McCracken truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Brandy McCracken of Rogersville Middle School on her selection as the 2010 Rogersville Middle School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.